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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery.

The following terminal and special harvest areas (THA/SHA) will **open at 12:01 a.m., June 1, and will remain open until further notice:**

Port Armstrong SHA (109-11), Hidden Falls THA (112-22), Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33), and Silver Bay THA (113-35).

Additional THA openings for the week of June 1 and in future news release are as follows:

Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) open June 1–30 to troll gear
Anita Bay THA (107-35) open June 1, see troll gear schedule in April 5 Anita Bay news release
Deep Inlet THA (113-38) open June 2, see troll gear schedule in April 12 Deep Inlet news release
Neets Bay THA (101-95) open June 15, see troll gear schedule in April 22 Neets Bay news release
Thomas Bay SHA (110-12) open June 16, see troll gear schedule in May Thomas Bay news release
Southeast Cove THA (109-41) open June 16, see troll gear schedule in May Southeast Cove news release

SCHEDULE OF INITIAL SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) May 1–2
Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) May 3–4

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30) May 3–4
Sitka Sound (113-41) May 1–3
Salisbury Sound (113-62) May 3–4

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) May 1

Initial openings in other spring troll areas will be announced in future news releases. The Western Channel and Goddard spring troll Chinook areas will open initially during the week of June 2. The Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait enhanced chum salmon areas and the Mountain Point and Rock Point spring troll Chinook areas will open beginning June 15. The Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden enhanced chum salmon areas will open during the week of June 16. Maps and further details are provided in the 2019 Spring Troll Management Plan, which is available in area offices and online.

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If more than one area is fished, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

KETCHIKAN AREAS

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45) modified area: The waters of George and Carroll inlets north of a line from Mountain Point at 55°17.57' N. lat., 131°32.41' W. long., **to Cutter Rocks Light at 55°17.34' N. lat., 131°31.47' W. long.,** to 55°17.57' N. lat., 131°28.18' W. long., and south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00' N. lat., and **in Carroll Inlet south of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.58' N. lat.**

Rock Point (Fishery area 101-46) new area: The waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.58' N. lat., and south of Nigelius Point at 55°33.50' N. lat.

Carroll Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-48): From June 1–30, the THA includes only those waters of Carroll Inlet north of Nigelius Point at 55°33.50' N. lat.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): The waters east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. long., until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net. A map of the THA lines is available in area offices and on the SSRAA website.

The THA will open to troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 1, unless closed by emergency order. The Neets Bay THA will not expand to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point until July 1 for troll gear.

WRANGELL AND PRINCE OF WALES AREAS

Bucareli Bay (Fishery area 103-50) modified area: In the waters of Ursua Channel and Bucareli, Trocadero, and San Alberto bays south of a line from Point Polocano at 55°32.37' N. lat., 133°17.38' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Abess Island at 55°33.78' N. lat., 133°10.81' W. long., to a point on Peratrovich Island at 55°35.19' N. lat., 133°07.09' W. long., to Cemetery Point at 55°33.82' N. lat., 133°06.36' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Klawock Island at 55°33.42' N. lat., 133°06.39' W. long., south and west of a line from Cape Suspiro at 55°27.48' N. lat., 133°08.54' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Toti Island at 55°24.90' N. lat., 133°07.34' W. long., to Point Miraballes at 55°25.86' N. lat., 133°05.20' W. long., and northeast of a line from Point Amargura at 55°27.00' N. lat., 133°21.65' W. long. to 55°24.67' N. lat., 133°21.18' W. long., to Point Providence at 55°21.51' N. lat., 133°16.23' W. long.

Port Saint Nicholas (Fishery area 103-60) new area: In the waters of Port Saint Nicholas and Bucareli Bay north and east of a line from Cape Suspiro at 55°27.48' N. lat., 133°08.54' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Toti Island at 55°24.90' N. lat., 133°07.34' W. long., to Point Miraballes at 55°25.86' N. lat., 133°05.20' W. long.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): The waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68' N. lat., 132°22.48' W. long., to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26' N. lat., 132°23.93' W. long.

From June 1–12, the waters of the Anita Bay THA north and east of a line from 56°12.90' N. lat., 132°24.51' W. long., to 56°12.75' N. lat., 132°23.50' W. long., are open to troll gear only.

From June 15 through July 10, the waters within .25 nautical mile (nmi) of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33' N. lat., 132°26.19' W. long., to 56°12.06' N. lat., 132°26.19' W. long., and east of a line from 56°11.96' N. lat., 132°29.57' W. long., to 56°11.73' N. lat., 132°29.36' W. long., will be open.

- NOTE:** (1) From June 15 through June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19' W. long., are closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (2) From June 26 through July 1, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98' W. long., are closed to the harvest of salmon.
- (3) From July 2 through July 10, the waters of Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00' W. long., are closed to the harvest of salmon.

CHATHAM STRAIT AND FREDERICK SOUND AREAS

Port Armstrong Special Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-11): Waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73' N. lat., 134°38.75' W. long., to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°17.98' N. lat., 134°38.35' W. long. Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. lat., 134°40.27' W. long., to 56°17.67' N. lat., 134°39.64' W. long., are closed.

Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-41) new area: In the waters of Keku Strait enclosed by a line from a rocky point on the northern end of Kuiu Island located on the east side of Southeast Cove at 56°52.95' N. lat., 134°01.33' W. long., to the northwest corner of Hound Island at 56°53.12' N. lat., 133°56.77' W. long., then northwest connecting points along the northern shore of Keku Islands at 56°53.98' N. lat., 133°57.58' W. long., to 56°54.90' N. lat., 133°59.53' W. long., to 56°55.93' N. lat., 134°00.97' W. long., to 56°55.95' N. lat., 134°02.15' W. long., to 56°55.22' N. lat., 134°02.53' W. long., to 56°56.37' N. lat., 134°06.62' W. long., then to the northwest corner of Payne Island at 56°57.45' N. lat., 134°08.75' W. long., then south to a point on Kuiu Island at 56°55.08' N. lat., 134°09.25' W. long.

Keku Strait Area (Fishery Area 109-42): Waters of Districts 9 and 10 enclosed by a line extending from 1.0 nmi north of Cornwallis Point Light at 56°56.80' N. lat., 134°16.43' W. long., to Pinta Rocks Light 57°05.15' N. lat., 134°00.76' W. long., to Cape Bendel 57°04.27' N. lat., 134°00.76' W. long. Waters of the Southeast Cove THA and the Gunnuk Creek SHA are excluded.

Thomas Bay Special Harvest Area (Fishery Area 110-12) new area: In the waters of Thomas Bay northeast of a line from Point Vandeput at 57°00.94' N. lat., 133°00.02' W. long., to Wood Point at 56°59.54' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long., northwest of a line from a point on the mainland shoreline at 56°59.57' N. lat., 132°54.02' W. long., to Ruth Island at 57°00.42' N. lat., 132°51.07' W. long., north of line from a point on the southeastern shoreline of Ruth Island at 56°58.70' N. lat., 132°49.13' W. long., to the mainland shoreline at 56°58.07' N. lat., 132°47.32' W. long., west of a line from the mainland shoreline at 56°59.38' N. lat., 132°47.60' W. long., to the southern tip of Spray Island at 56°59.80' N. lat., 132°47.73' W. long., to the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07' N. lat., 132°47.80' W. long., to the mainland shoreline at 57°00.56' N. lat., 132°47.57' W. long., and south of a line from 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°49.62' W. long., to 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°52.03' W. long.

The waters of Spurt Cove are closed northwest of a line from 57°01.98' N. lat., 132°52.49' W. long., to 57°02.08' N. lat., 132°52.37' W. long.

Waters northeast of a line from the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07' N. lat., 132°47.80' W. long., to a point on the northern boundary line approximately .50 nmi from the mainland shoreline at 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°50.55' W. long., are closed Saturdays and Sundays of each week.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22) modified area: In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A **within 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline** south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. lat. (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)). Beginning June 15, the THA will expand from within 1.0 to within 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline.

SITKA AREAS

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): In waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°03.42' N. lat., 135°36.00' W. long., southwest of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., to 57°01.50' N. lat., 135°24.25' W. long. (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., through The Eckholms Light, with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt Bay (Fishery area 113-30): In waters of Sitka Sound south of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock and east and north of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat., 135°23.49' W. long.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32): In waters enclosed by a line from Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat., 135°23.49' W. long., to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06' N. lat., 135°26.00' W. long., and from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00' N. lat., 135°26.53' W. long., and north of the latitude of a line from Legma Island to Elovoi Island at 56°49.20' N. lat., and north and west of a line from 56°49.44' N. lat., 135°23.15' W. long., to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.58' N. lat., 135°22.60' W. long.

Crawfish Inlet Terminal and Special Harvest Areas (Fishery area 113-33) new area: In waters east of a line from 56°44.16' N. lat., 135°15.80' W. long., to 56°43.30' N. lat., 135°17.81' W. long., to 56°41.93' N. lat., 135°17.54' W. long., to 56°41.14' N. lat., 135°13.80' W. long., including the waters of Jamboree Bay, Cedar Pass south of 56°47.14' N. lat., and Crawfish Inlet west of 135°11.05' W. long. Waters of the SHA, east of 135°11.05' W. longitude, are open concurrent to the THA.

Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 113-35): In the waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.98' N. lat., 135°15.00' W. long., to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N. lat., 135°18.10' W. long. The waters of Bear Cove are closed east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77' N. lat., 135°09.08' W. long., to the north shore at 57°00.94' N. lat., 135°09.23' W. long.

Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41) modified area: In the waters of Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Neva Strait south of 57°15.00' N. lat., and north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock to 57°01.50' N. lat., 135°24.25' W. long. (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., through The Eckholms Light with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., including the waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound, and Katlian Bay.

The waters of the Deep Inlet and Silver Bay THAs, as described above and below, are included in the Sitka Sound area through May 31. These areas will open as the Deep Inlet and Silver Bay THAs beginning June 1.

Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 113-38): In waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35' N. lat., 135°22.63' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Long Island to the easternmost tip of Long Island to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island to the westernmost tip of Error Island to the westernmost tip of Berry Island to the southernmost tip of Berry Island to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.30' N. lat., 135°17.67' W. long., to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. lat., 135°16.78' W. long., and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. lat., 135°16.53' W. long. Waters of Sandy Cove will be closed.

From June 2 through June 15, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long., are open continuously to troll gear as part of the THA, with waters east of 135°20.75' W. long., open to troll gear when net fisheries are closed. On June 16, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will follow the rotational schedule with openings for troll gear when net gear is closed.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.56' N. lat., waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46.00' W. long., and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15.00' N. lat.

NORTH CHATHAM STRAIT AND ICY STRAIT AREAS

Northern Chatham Strait Enhanced Chum (Fishery area 112-16): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.29' N. lat., 134°53.27' W. long., to 58°10.40' N. lat., 135°02.63' W. long., to 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to 58°05.81' N. lat., 134°47.09' W. long.

Cross Sound (Fishery area 114-21): In waters of Section 14-A west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Dundas (58°18.93' N. lat., 136°16.79' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the prominent point on the northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat., 136°16.75' W. long., and east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Taylor Island to 58°10.00' N. lat., then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line extending from the prominent point on the northeastern side of Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat., 136°16.75' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to Point Gustavus and north of a line from Point Adolphus (58°17.25' N. lat., 135°47.00' W. long.) to a point 1.0 nmi north of Point Adolphus at 58°18.04' N. lat., 135°47.00' W. long., to 58°14.65' N. lat., 135°32.20' W. long., and west of the western boundary of the Homeshore area, including the waters of Icy Passage.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25): In waters of Icy Strait east of the longitude of Noon Point (135°32.20' W. long.) west of 135°09.60' W. long., and north of a line from 58°09.58' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long., to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78' N. lat., 135°15.48' W. long., to 58°14.65' N. lat., 135°32.20' W. long.

Point Couverden (Fishery area 114-26): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.63' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long., to 58°09.58' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long., to 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to 58°10.00' N. lat., 135°02.35' W. long., to 58°10.00' N. lat., 135°06.24' W. long., to 58°11.63' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long.

YAKUTAT AREA

Yakutat Bay (Fishery Area 183-10): The waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from Point Manby (59°41.66' N. lat., 140°19.70' W. long.) to Ocean Cape (59°32.06' N. lat., 139°51.46' W. long.).

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0219, 1S0319.

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